

# Catholic Churches of St Columba and St Theresa



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## FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER – 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's 10.00 a.m. No Mass  
St. Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish - **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Mary & Frank Lally RIP  
St. Columba's 11.00 a.m. Ann Rooney

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April

St. Theresa's 9.00 a.m. No Mass  
St. Columba's 9.15 a.m. Frank Stone Jnr

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Annie May McGrath  
St. Theresa's **2.00 p.m. Requiem Mass for Philomena Pellegrini**

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – St Athanasius B.D.

St Columba's 9.15 a.m. Tim O'Flaherty  
St Theresa's 7.00 p.m. No Mass

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Ss Philip & James Ap

St Theresa's 9.00 a.m. No Mass  
St. Columba's **12 noon Requiem Mass – Beryl Chapman**

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – The English Martyrs

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Priest's Intention  
St Columba's 7.00 p.m. Vera Kennedy

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May

St Theresa's 10.00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions  
St Columba's 6.30 p.m. The Parish – **Vigil Mass**

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May

St Theresa's 9.30 a.m. Min & Joe Gannon RIP  
St Columba's 11.00 a.m. Hannah McElligott

### **MORNING PRAYER: (St Columba's):**

At 9.00 a.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Iona Chapel, Monday through to Thursday, except Wednesdays, when Morning Prayer will commence at 8.50 a.m. followed at 9.10 a.m. by Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour prior to Mass.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

**St. Columba's:** Between 6.00 p.m. and 6.25 p.m. before the Vigil Mass. At other times by arrangement with Fr. Jonathan. **St. Theresa's:** After every weekday Mass.

### **OFFERTORY:**

**St. Columba's:** Loose Plate £397.09; Planned Giving £322.04; Average Weekly Standing Orders £677.00; Candles £37.61.

**St. Theresa's:** £259.74. Average weekly standing orders £80.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support

### **BAPTISMS:**

**St. Columba's:** By appointment. After speaking to Fr. Jonathan to arrange a date, please contact Claire O'Donnell 07743 704383 (text or 'phone).

We welcome Jessica May Forshaw and Zara Lillian Backhouse into our parish family. Warmest congratulations to Jessica and Zara and their families and we wish them a wonderful day.

**St. Theresa's:** Please contact Fr. Isidore or Mike Maxwell on 07743 704383 (text or phone)

We welcome Klaidas Novelskas who was baptised here last Sunday, to our parish family. Please keep Klaidas and his family in your prayers.

### **LATELY DEAD:**

Please pray for Beryl Chapman, Philomena (Mena) Pellegrini and Connie Duffy who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Philomena Pellegrini is at St Theresa's on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2 p.m. May the Lord grant them Eternal Life and console their families and friends.

### **ST. COLUMBA'S AND ST THERESA'S ANNIVERSARIES:**

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Mary Flynn,, Moira Rooney-Moore, John (Graham) Holland, Frank Stone Jnr, Mary E Barlow, Margaret Power, Thomas Hanratty, James Connolly, Kevin Fearon, Ian Christopher Gaynor, Joan Crump, Ofelia Lanzetta, Rose Creedon, Vincenzo Perruzza, William Walker, Stella Loughlin, Michael Gerald Taylor, Moreen Cairns, Georgina Hayden, Mary Moseley,, Joseph Harry Gannon, James Daley, Peter McDermott, Lisa Marie Moss, Mary Lally, Trevor Johnston, Patrick Prile, Maureen Birukowska

### **FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP: LIVING THE MISSION OF JESUS IN THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD:**

A chance to hear Mrs Sherry Weddell, international author on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, St Ambrose College, Hale Barnes WA15 0HE. 9.30/10.00 – 15.30, please bring lunch. Sherry has a wealth of experience helping people deepen their personal relationship with God and living out its implications in mission; she is a speaker who will both inspire and encourage. **Everyone welcome.** Enquiries: Barbara Davies 07730 526821; Details and Registration: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration), or Helen Jones 0151 6529855.

### **RED MISSION BOXES (ST THERESA'S):**

Please bring in your boxes so they can be emptied. There are still one or two boxes at the back of church which haven't been collected.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA:**

The new rotas are now available for you to collect from St. Theresa's sacristy.

## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE:

### St. Columba's:

29<sup>th</sup> April SVP SVP  
6<sup>th</sup> May Liz & Chris Tombola  
13<sup>th</sup> May Scout Jamboree  
20<sup>th</sup> May SPUC SPUC

Tea, coffee and juice are served in the Hall after the 11.00 am Mass. Please call Marge Curtis 318424 to choose a Sunday when you can raise money for a charity of your choice.

### St Theresa's:

Tea, coffee and juice are available in the Parish Club after 9.30 am Mass. All are very welcome.

## UPTON & BLACON CHURCHES TOGETHER:

This week we pray for:

- The residents of Abbots Park, Milbourne Close, Neston Drive, Rhuddlan Road, Carmel Close, Rose Close and Stamford Road.
- For Sewing Groups.

## GIFT AID 2017-18

Our claim for recovery of income tax paid on donations under the Gift Aid Scheme has just been made. The total was £49,573 which should result in a refund to the parish of approximately £11,228. Many thanks to those of you who use the Gift Aid Scheme.

## SPRING FAYRE: (ST THERESA'S)

The Spring Fayre is only TWO WEEKS away so please bring in any of the following items: jewellery, toiletries, bric a brac, toys and games. We ask that cakes be brought in on the day. We have decided not to have books and CDs this year. Please leave your items in the sacristy. Thank you.

## SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:

At the last AGM we voted to begin a working party to look at our constitution and ensure that it is fit for purpose for the future. We have met a couple of times and have come up with some draft proposals. We will meet again at St. Mary of the Angels, Hooton. CH66 1QJ on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May** at 1.30 pm. Anyone who wishes to join us will be very welcome. If you would like to receive a copy of the existing constitution and the suggested changes, or, if you are unable to join us but want to make a comment, please email me at [annerogowski584@hotmail.com](mailto:annerogowski584@hotmail.com) and I will ensure that your points are fed back. We hope to have final proposal ready to put before the AGM in September.

## CATHOLIC SINGLES:

This is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel 0161 9413498.

## LENT FAST DAY APPEAL, MATCH FUNDING:

Thank you for your support of the Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12<sup>th</sup> May will be doubled by the UK Government under the match funding scheme. CAFOD have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition, and with it they hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But they need the full amount of match

funding to make it happen. You can help them reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. They still have some way to go! To donate please go to [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent)

## CHESTER CAFOD SUPPORT GROUP:

The next meeting of this Group will be on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May** in the Parish Room at St. Clare's, at approx. 7.45 p.m. (i.e. after 7 p.m. Mass in Church).

**SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone who came for coffee and bought cakes after Mass at St Columba's last Sunday; your generous donations raised £90.55 for Retreat House Chester.

## FOUNDATION GOVERNORS:

There are vacancies for Foundation Governors in Catholic schools within the Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority area. For further details see the diocesan website: [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/Education/Governors/Governor-vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/Education/Governors/Governor-vacancies) or contact

[education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:education@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or [sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:sue.blackwell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## NIGHTFEVER:

**On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June** we'll be launching a 'NightFever' programme in St. Francis' Church, Chester. We will start with Mass at 7 p.m. Adoration will begin at 8 p.m. running through until 10.30 p.m. NightFever is a fairly new idea and requires a small team of willing volunteers to go out into busy town/city centres inviting passers-by to come into church to light a candle and experience Adoration. There is also the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. NightFever is hugely successful across Europe and the USA. Please do come along to Mass and spend some time in prayer during adoration and after. If anyone would like to volunteer/more details please contact Ant Hunt on 07714 160268.

## ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH & HALL BOOKINGS:

If you wish to arrange meetings etc. in either the Church or the Iona Chapel, please make a booking through Carol Galvin, Church Office: 01244 624019, email [stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com](mailto:stcolumbaschurch2016@outlook.com)  
For all Hall bookings and enquiries please contact Sue Carr on 07553 114531 or email [columbashallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:columbashallbookings@gmail.com)

## NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER:

This will be compiled by Rebecca Vaughan  
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Items for inclusion can be left in the Sacristy at either church. Please ensure that all items are in place by 9.00 a.m. on **Thursday**. Please include a phone number in case of queries.

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